

Union Government for their development with foreign aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal submitted by the Government of Gujarat is for the improvement of various categories of State roads with about 1500 kms. length. The Government of India has signed an agreement for loan amounting to US \$ 51.50 million towards project preparation for road projects in various States, including the State of Gujarat.

Irregularities in Purchases

3528. PROF. AJIT KUMAR METHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether serious irregularities in the various purchases made by family welfare department were detected;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the loss suffered by the Government as a consequence thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Audit team had carried out the inspection of the files relating to the purchase of items required by the Deptt. of Family Welfare. Certain observations have been made by audit.

(b) and (c) This Department of Family Welfare is in the process of explaining the actions and offering comments on the observations of audit.

[Translation]

Allocation to Malaria Control Programme

3529. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total outlay earmarked for the eradication and control of Malaria during the current plan;

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon under this programme during the past three years;

(c) the total budget outlay earmarked for this programme during 1995-96 and the amount spent out of it till December, 1996;

(d) the major heads of expenditure under this plan during the current year;

(e) whether the Malaria is again spreading in the country; and

(f) if so, whether changes are being made in this programme to deal with this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The total outlay earmarked for National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) during the eighth plan is Rs. 445.25 crores.

(b) Amount spent under NMEP during the past three years are as under :-

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)
1993-94	110.54
1994-95	110.00
1995-96	128.00

(c) The approved Budget outlay for 1995-96 was Rs. 128.00 crores. Expenditure upto December, 1996 was Rs. 97.86 crores against the provision of Rs. 145.00 crores in Budget Estimates 1996-97

(d) Major components of expenditure under the Programme during the current year have been procurement of insecticides, larvicides and anti-malarial drugs.

(e) and (f) Malaria incidence in the country has been contained around 2 to 3 million cases annually. However, focal outbreaks of malaria are being reported from some parts of the country. Besides existing Control strategies to effectively control the disease added emphasis is being given to Information, Education and Communication activities so as to enlist community support and participation for making Malaria Control activities a mass movement. 100% Central assistance is being provided to 7 North Eastern States to intensify anti-malaria activities in those States. Further, Government is negotiating an enhanced Malaria Control Project with World Bank assistance to intensify Control measures in malaria-endemic and tribal/backward areas of the country.

Treatment of Poor Patients in Private Nursing Homes

3530. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is provision for treatment of poor patients in private nursing homes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that these provisions are not being observed in practice and fake entries are made only on papers; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) Some States have given land and other facilities at concessional rates and prescribed free treatment for poor patients in lieu thereof. Similarly customs duty exemption had been extended to certain hospitals and diagnostic centres who were expected to provide free indoor/outdoor treatment to the poor. The State Government are required to check whether these conditions are being met by private hospitals/ nursing homes. The general experience has been that the requirement of free work is being met only partially at places.

[English]

Functioning of Joint Consultative Machinery in KVS

3531. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any Joint Consultative Machinery is functioning in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof including the guidelines for holding of meetings;

(c) whether meetings are held at frequent intervals; and

(d) if so, the dates and minutes of its meetings held during the last year and so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It deals with matters relating to conditions of service, welfare and improvement of efficiency and standards of work of all regular employees of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

The ordinary meetings of the Council are held as often as necessary, and not less than once in six months. A Special Meeting may be called by the Chairman at any time.

(c) and (d) The last meeting of Joint Consultative Machinery was held on 2.9.94 which took the following decisions for consideration by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan :

1. Increase in promotion quota of teachers;
2. Organisation of training programmes for non-teaching staff;
3. Constitute a Sub-Committee to consider payment of higher duty allowance to teaching as well as non-teaching staff;
4. To place the matter regarding fixation of staff strength for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (Headquarter) and Region

Offices for consideration by the Internal Work Study Unit of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Legislation on Sports

3532. SHRI RAMSAGAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to enact a Central legislation on Sports to make the working of the Sports federations and associations "transparent, professional and accountable";

(b) if so, by when enactment is likely to be made;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the funds released to the sports federations/associations by the Government are misappropriated;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to get the fund utilisation by the sports federations and associations audited in respect of the last three years; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI R. DHANUSHKODI ATHITHAN) : (a) and (b) The views of various State/UT Governments, National Sports Federations and other concerned organisations have been invited on the proposal relating to the transfer of the subject 'Sports' from the 'State list' to the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India. At present, no decision has been taken to enact a Central legislation for the development of sports and games in the country.

(c) to (e) Grants released to National Sports Federations are being monitored by keeping individual record of each sanction. Utilisation certificates and audited statement of accounts are invariably-obtained from the National Sports Federations and no further releases are made unless these details have been furnished.

[Translation]

Operation Black Board Scheme in Maharashtra

3533. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided to Maharashtra under 'Operation Black Board' during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) whether crores of rupees have been misappropriated in the implementation of 'Operation Black Board' Scheme in Maharashtra;